REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 20, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were pending in the Application, of which, Claims 1-12 were rejected. Applicants have amended Claims 1-12 and added Claims 13-15. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Objections to the Abstract

The Office Action objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure "because it is too short." *See* Office Action, Page 2. Applicants have amended the Abstract accordingly. Favorable action is requested.

Section 101 Rejections

The Office Action rejected Claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. More specifically, the Office Action contends that "[t]he claims are drawn to the non-statutory category of software per se." *See* Office Action, Page 2. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons stated below.

Claim 9 recites a "computer readable storage medium including computer executable code." Under M.P.E.P. § 2106.01(I), "[a] claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a data structure defines structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and the medium which permit the data structure's functionality to be realized, as thus is statutory." Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 9-12 recite patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Suorsa et al. (*"Suorsa"*) (U.S. Patent No. 7,131,123). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons stated below.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for management and configuration of remote agents. At least one web service is provided. At least one remote agent on a network is detected by

the at least one web service by retrieving agent metadata from network devices based on one or more detection parameters. At least one of managing and configuring the at least one remote agent is performed based on the at least one web service. *Suorsa* does not teach or suggest each of the limitations.

For example, *Suorsa* fails to teach or suggest "detecting, by the at least one web service, at least one remote agent on a network by retrieving agent metadata from a plurality of network devices based on one or more detection parameters." *Suorsa* is directed to a system that provisions software components to devices. *See Suorsa*, Column 3, line 64 - Column 4, line 4. In *Suorsa,* the provisioning system includes "a central database that contains all information that is relevant to the provisioning of the devices." *See Suorsa,* Column 4, lines 21-24. Thus, *Suorsa* fails to teach or suggest "detecting, by the at least one web service, at least one remote agent on a network by retrieving agent metadata from a plurality of network devices based on one or more detection parameters."

Similar to Claim 1, each of Claims 5 and 9 include limitations directed to "detecting, by the at least one web service, at least one remote agent on a network by retrieving agent metadata from a plurality of network devices based on one or more detection parameters." For at least those reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully contend that *Suorsa* does not teach or suggest the limitations of Claims 5 and 9. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 5 and 9 are patentably distinguishable from *Suorsa.*

The dependent claims are allowable based on their dependence on the independent claims. Furthermore, Claim 13 is also allowable at least because *Suorsa* fails to teach or suggest "receiving at least one alert notification from the at least one remote agent, the at least one alert notification comprising an indication of a change to the at least one remote agent." Again, *Suorsa* is directed toward installing software components on devices. At no point does *Suorsa* teach or suggest "receiving at least one alert notification from the at least one remote agent, the at least one alert notification comprising an indication of a change to the at least one remote agent." Claims 14 and 15 are allowable for analogous reasons.

For at least the reasons above, Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-15 are patentably distinguishable from *Suorsa*. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1-15.
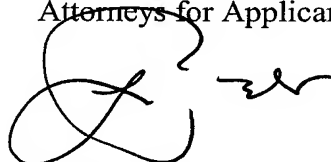
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stand ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.**

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